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Ruth I. Seabury

Northern California will welcome Miss Ruth Isabel Seabury, educational secretary of the American Board, for a brief period in March and for seventeen days of work in April. Miss Seabury is a Smith College graduate, and has traveled widely. In 1929 she made a world tour, visiting seventeen countries, frequently going far from the beaten path of the tourist. Recently she visited England and Scotland on invitation of the British Missions Board in behalf of the Missionary Education Movement, for which organization she is chairman of the Young People's committee.



Miss Seabury will be the guest of the Federation of Congregational Women at their March meeting which will be held on Thursday, the 15th. On Sunday, the 18th, she will spend the entire day with Plymouth Church, Oakland, speaking to Sunday School, morning congregation, the church council and young people's organizations. She will then go to Southern California, returning to our Conference the morning of April 13th. In company with Mrs. Frank J. Greene, or some other representative of the Federation of Congregational Women and Superintendent H. H. Gill, she will visit all of the local associations and the spring meeting of the Women's Federation, speaking to each group in accordance with the plans of the local program committee. She will also address the German Young People's Conference and some of the churches of the Fresno area. She will spend Sunday, April 29th, with the Pioneer Church in Sacramento.

STEREOPTICON SLIDES NOW IN CONFERENCE OFFICE

Home Boards:
Out Among the Red Men.
Paradise of the Pacific.
We Are Rising (15 slides).
Foreign:
Congregational Shrines.
Daybreak, a Romance of Africa (88 slides).
Ponnusamy Grows Up (India).
China's Past and Present.
New Thrills in Old Shansi.
Modern Japan.
Thrilling Tale of the Philippines.
Voyaging Among the Philippines.

NOW IS THE DAY OF REAPING

He that winneth souls is wise.

WISE? WISE, did you say? "Enthusiastic perhaps, and hyper-emotional, but scarcely wise," so goes the comment of our present day sophisticated tolerance, which holds that one religion is as good as another, and that it all is a vestigial survival of the childhood of the race and may as well be dispensed with.

Even in the churches and the ministry there is lacking something of the sense of urgency about the business of enlisting followers for Jesus Christ and recruiting for the church. This may in part be due to an unthinking identification of Christianity with civilization (which is certainly unchristian enough), and to a failure to see clearly that our gospel has a peculiar and necessary contribution to make to our individual and social life.

If the religion of Jesus is what we claim it is, we cannot afford to be less than flaming evangelists. If it has the power to recreate men—to give comfort in sorrow, discernment for moral problems, conviction for wrong doing, strength for right doing, integration of character, and a sense of high relationship with God—then it is the wisest thing that we can do, to help men to find it.

If the gospel of the Kingdom presents the only basis for a permanent social order—the substituting of peace for war, the bringing together of the surpluses of goods and the needs of the multitudes, the setting aside of selfishness by service, the exalting of personality above profit, the building up of brotherhood and the tearing down of prejudice—then to fail to win men to it is short sighted and fatal.

Wisdom demands that we shall not only preach, but that by daily personal contacts, by every resource of imagination and persuasion, by every practical plan of organization, we shall press the business of winning souls.

The arrangements of society are so vast and complicated that most of us do not quite know where to take hold in making our contribution to a better world. We will not cease trying, but in the meantime there is a very definite and common sense method at hand, and that is the persuading of people, one by one, to join with us in loyalty to the leadership of Jesus, both personally and socially.

The season of ingathering is here. "Say not there are yet four months and then cometh harvest." The Divine Spirit is at work. We may count on it. "Now is the accepted time, today is the day of salvation."

He that winneth souls is wise.

H. H. G.

PLAN FOR 1934 IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCED

Upon hearing the report concerning the Plan for 1934, which was promulgated at the mid-winter meeting at Evanston, the Benevolence Promotion Committee of the Conference announced its own program for the year. Instead of adopting a slogan or have a high-pressure campaign for money, it is expected that during the autumn a team of workers will visit each church, spending an evening with the official family to talk over the problems of the local church and of the denomination. Heads of all committees and departments will be invited to counsel with the visiting team, which will be made up of a woman, a minister and a layman or a representative of one of the national boards.

During and following the associations, the personnel of the teams will be enlisted and it is expected that there will be a training institute the first week of September for those who are to make the visitation. Bay association churches are to be reached during the latter half of September, and the churches outside of the Bay area will be visited during the last two weeks of October and the first week of November. The Benevolence Promotion Committee, which outlined this plan, consists of Rev. Benjamin Gould, chairman, Mrs. E. V. Krick, Mrs. C. T. Tinker, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, Mrs. James H. Price, Rev. H. S. Mahood, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Prof. Vaughan MacCaughy and Rev. C. C. Champlin.

The Mid-Winter Meeting Speaks to the Churches

Your representatives upon the Commission on Missions, meeting in Evanston, have been facing the unusual difficulties that confront the local churches, the State Conferences, the Home Boards and the American Board. We have met as a typical cross-section of the whole fellowship: pastors and laymen from every part of the United States.

We have seen and understood the situation of our churches; their members burdened by anxiety and perplexed by the problems of family support. We realize with what desperate courage they are struggling to meet their budgets. We rejoice because they refuse to surrender and, despite all difficulty, have continued to carry on.

We find that more than two-fifths of the resources of three years ago have vanished. This leaves our work bleeding. No one who looks at the situation can fail to see that this is true. We are impelled to lay the full weight of an obvious fact upon the hearts of our people.

Yet, facing the facts as we do, and urging that all of us face these facts together, we are by no means cast down. The record is one of victory, not of defeat.

We may, therefore, turn our faces toward the future with unqualified certainty. We have come through deep waters and are standing now at the beginning of a great advance. The command of God, as it has always been—is forward. With confidence in the leadership of the conquering Christ, we press on towards the goal of God's Kingdom on the earth.

SPRING MEETINGS

Word has gone out to the Moderators, Registrars, Pastors of entertaining churches and women's Presidents, of the various Associations, suggesting dates which will permit a team of speakers to visit each one. Word has not yet been received from all of the Associations, so the following schedule is tentative, but there is reason to believe that it will be carried through substantially as given:

Friday, April 13. Upper Bay Association at Benicia.

Tuesday, April 17. Santa Clara Association at Redwood City.

Wednesday, April 18. Central Association at Lodi.

Friday, April 20. San Joaquin Association at Porterville.

Tuesday, April 24. Bay Association at Niles.

Wednesday, April 25. Redwood Empire Association at Santa Rosa.

Thursday-Friday, April 26-27. Sacramento Valley Association at Grass Valley.

The Spring Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California will be held at Lodi, Thursday, April 19th. Program details later.

Libraries to Lend

The Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work of the Conference voted at its February meeting to purchase books for two traveling libraries, in order to give our churches the benefit of some of the latest material on Religious Education. The plan is briefly as follows:

A library is to stay at a church not more than five weeks, during which time several volumes may be circulated among just as many readers as possible. The church then pays the transportation to the next church, in accordance with instructions from the Conference office. Following an announcement of the plan at the Pastors' Conference, eleven churches have sent in their requests. It is advisable that our churches apply as soon as possible, so there will be no lost time.

Library No. 1, contains the following books:

Baker—Kindergarten Method in the Church School.

Powell—Junior Method in the Church School.

Shaver—How to Teach Seniors.

Carrier—How Shall I Learn to Teach Religion?

Streibert—Youth and the Bible.

De Schweinitz—Growing Up.

Set of International Council Standards.

Library No. 2 is made up of these titles:

Smither—Teaching Primaries in the Church School.

McKibben—Intermediate Method in the Church School.

Stock—Church Work with Young People.

Danielson and Perkins—Teaching Without Text Books.

Munro—The Church as a School.

Dickerson—So Youth May Know.

Set of International Council Standards.

Churches may specify which library is desired.

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Registrar's Report

The figures of the State Registrar for 1933 have just been completed by Mrs. Anna L. Gillman and forwarded to the office of the National Council for publication in the coming Year Book.

During 1933 no churches were dropped and two were added: Ambrose and Pescadero—bringing the total in the Conference up to 103.

The number of new members received was 1418, which was 88 persons more than in 1932. On the other hand losses were particularly heavy due to revision of the rolls by some of our larger churches, so that our membership is actually lower than at the end of 1932 by 175, and now stands at 19,622. The number of male members has gained slightly so the reduction is altogether among the feminine constituency of our churches. Baptisms, both of children and adults, increased.

There were very small losses in Sunday School and Young People's Society enrollments.

Thirty-three churches, including a few without pastor and otherwise inactive, received no new members. Twenty-one received ten or more members, one of them going above 100. Forty-five churches received not less than one member and not more than nine.

Five churches received legacies during 1933 totaling \$13,845. The effect of the depression is noted in the drop of home expenses from \$349,931 in 1932 to \$311,404 in 1933, and in ministers' salaries from \$156,294 to \$130,438, the average for 1933 is \$1,816 as against \$2,035 in 1932. This does not tell the full story for a number of churches continue to report a larger salary than their minister is actually receiving, in the hope that a restoration of the former level can be made in the near future.

Two encouraging facts are noted. Invested funds of the churches rose from \$100,421 to \$111,224 while debts decreased from \$239,241 to \$206,925.

Evangelism in S. F.

At the final meeting of the Kernahan campaign in San Francisco a total of 1967 persons were announced as being ready to unite with one of the local Protestant churches. Many of the pastors feel that it is the best thing that has happened to San Francisco in many years. During his visit here Dr. Kernahan spoke 141 times besides conducting many personal interviews. A most helpful feature of the campaign has been the enthusiasm which has been generated among the workers who have made the visitation and the determination of many to continue until all of those whose names have been gathered have been given a definite invitation on behalf of the church.

STILL NO BETTER

Here is the first report of the year in benevolence giving of the churches compared with a like statement for 1933. The month of March being the last month of the quarter, ought to be a rally month. If members and pastors will remind their treasurers to make remittance it will help a great deal.

	Jan. 11- Feb. 28, 1933	Jan. 11- Feb. 28, 1934
Adin		12.82
Benicia		5.00
Berkeley, First	645.00	645.00
Berkeley, North	114.38	
Campbell		75.00
Cloverdale	8.63	3.60
Cotati	3.84	9.50
Ferndale	5.13	2.69
Fresno, First	37.50	58.56
Fresno, Pilgrim		9.25
Likely		1.32
Martinez	22.10	
Murphy		40.00
Oakland, First	556.45	4.25
Oakland, Plymouth	100.00	65.00
Oroville		40.00
Pacific Grove	25.75	56.90
Palo Alto	200.00	110.00
Petaluma	31.25	31.05
Redwood City	35.00	
Reedley, Finnish		14.00
Ripon	5.00	12.50
Sacramento		.50
San Carlos		5.00
San Francisco, Bethany-Mission Park		3.00
First		121.86
Richmond	7.00	
San Jose	120.00	50.00
Santa Cruz	1.00	
San Leandro, Broadmoor		19.40
Santa Rosa	26.69	9.75
Sebastopol		13.52
Sonoma	25.00	
Soquel	5.00	
Stockton		65.21
Sunol		30.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
	\$2,074.62	\$1,614.68

A CENT A MEAL

It is reported that during 1933 the United Church of Canada raised a million and a half dollars through the use of little wooden boxes which were placed on the dining tables of church families with the request that each family deposit at least a cent per meal for missionary purposes. These attractive little boxes may now be secured from the Conference office for a charge of 10 cents each. Little tin cans, not so attractive but serving the same purpose, will be furnished free in any quantities to the churches that agree to put them out among their people as a means of raising their apportionments. Not a few people who are unable to make any regular pledge for benevolences will be glad to contribute in this way. Children and young people, if influenced to use these little boxes, will become vitally interested in the missionary enterprise.

Helps for Lent

Pastors are advised that the Conference office carries a rather complete stock of the publications of the Commission on Evangelism, including devotional books, Evangelism leaflets, applications for membership, certificates of membership and helps for pastors' classes. Now is the time to use this material in the enlistment of those who will join the church at Easter time.

WHY GOALS

Rev. Benjamin Gould, chairman of the Committee on Benevolence Promotion, in speaking at the Pastors' Luncheon on February 6th, in Berkeley, urged on his fellow ministers the necessity of the adoption of goals of missionary giving by the churches. An appeal for the same purpose was mailed to all churches during February, in which it was pointed out that the Conference and the national boards were helpless in making their budgets unless the churches would indicate how much money could be expected for the year. Furthermore, if the church adopts a goal it feels its responsibility a little keener in securing an amount for benevolences worthy of its resources. Up to the present time 21 churches have sent in a report of their goals for 1934. Will not the others do so at the earliest possible moment?

HELPS TO WORSHIPS

An exceptionally usable little book, entitled "The Meaning of the Church Service" has been published by the Commission on Evangelism of the National Council, at the price of 15 cents a copy. It is written to meet three specific needs: first, a text book for the pastor's class, second, a book for new members, third, for general study by all members either in groups or for home reading. Rev. Charles E. McKinley, the author, has sought to explain in simple language the meaning of each part of the service of public worship.

EAST BAY CACOYPA

The East Bay Cacoypa held a social evening on February 23rd at the First Congregational Church in Oakland. A hundred and thirty young people from East Bay churches were present. Short plays were presented by groups from First Church, Oakland, Japanese Church Oakland, and North Church Berkeley. Games were played and refreshments were served. Mr. Glenn Corbin is counsellor, and Robert Clark is chairman of the Council.

MARRIAGE SLAVES

This is not the lurid title of a movie—it is tragedy in real life. Child-bearing is but a small portion of the burden under which the African non-Christian woman labors. From morn till night she toils to till poor farms in order to secure food for her family. Not only must she raise it, but grind it in crude mortars. Water and firewood must be carried often long distances. "It is a common sight to see a woman carrying on her head firewood weighing from 60 to 80 pounds," declares Mrs. Samuel J. Curtis of Mt. Silinda. They age quickly under this strenuous life. Jealousy, rivalry, revenge and deception sap their souls. Early in life they are sold into marriage slavery by greedy fathers. Only through the Christian church and school is offered a New Way and they never return to the Old if they can possibly escape.

GOD'S GOOD MAN

Cleaning and repairing the church, hiking daily in the heat of the sun or the pouring rain, feeling "always awfully tired," a young Filipino pastor, graduate of Silliman Institute, Dumaguete, writes, "Never mind. It is a pleasure, a great privilege to witness for my Master. My clothes are always soiled with mud . . . I love the task."

MRS. DWIGHT P. BREED

Mrs. Dwight P. Breed, mother of Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor at Stockton, passed away on February 19th at the age of 83. Born in Chesterfield, Michigan, Mrs. Breed married Rev. Dwight Breed in 1873, and for many years they served in Congregational churches in Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Indiana. Mrs. Breed was active in church work, serving as president of the Iowa Women's Home Missionary Union and also vice-president of the National Women's Home Missionary Union. Mrs. Breed was the sister, wife and mother of ministers. She is survived by one son, by a sister and a brother. Brief funeral services were held in Stockton by her son, Rev. Noel J. Breed and Rev. J. J. Jones of Santa Rosa, and then the remains were taken to Eaton Rapids, Michigan, for burial.

MR DICKRAN YENOVKIAN

Mr. Dickran Yenovkian, who had just been called as pastor of the Calvary Armenian Church of San Francisco, passed to his eternal reward on February 16th. He graduated from the American High School of Marash and from St. Paul's College at Tarsus. After teaching for a time in Armenian Schools, he came in 1908 to the United States and completed his theological training in the University of Denver. He served churches in Utah and in Fowler, California, and also supplied for a year in the Pilgrim Church of Fresno when the pastor, Rev. M. G. Papazian, was abroad. Four months ago he came to San Francisco to supply the Calvary Church, and a month ago was called as pastor and was laying plans looking toward ordination when illness came upon him. In the short time he served in San Francisco he had greatly endeared himself to the congregation. Funeral services were conducted in San Francisco by Rev. V. H. Yessayan of Oakland, Rev. B. Hagopian of the Apostolic Church, and Superintendent H. H. Gill. Funeral services were also held in Fresno by Rev. M. G. Papazian.

REV. C. N. THOMAS

Rev. C. N. Thomas, a Presbyterian minister, who has served Richmond Church, San Francisco, the church at Fairfax and possibly other Congregational churches of Northern California, passed away in Berkeley during the month of February. Mr. Thomas is widely known for his travel lectures on Mexico.

VALLEY RALLY

Young people from up and down the Valley gathered at the Pioneer Church in Sacramento on Saturday, February 24th, for an inspiring rally. Representatives were present from Oroville, Auburn, Lodi, Stockton and other churches. Full details have not been received at the office of The Pacific.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 19—Spring meeting of Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, at Lodi.
April 21-22—German Young People's Rally and Convention, Cross Church, Fresno.
May 7, 8, 9—Southern California Conference of Congregational Churches, Riverside.
May 10—Pacific School of Religion Commencement, Berkeley.
May 11-13—German Conference.
June 21-28—National Council of Congregational Churches, Oberlin, Ohio.
July 28-August 4—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.
October 16-18—State Conference First Congregational Church, San Francisco.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

PETALUMA. On Wednesday, February 14th, a Council representing a number of churches gathered to recognize the pastoral relationship between this church and Rev. Ralph C. Waddell. Dr. Waddell read a statement as to his belief and religious experience, which was greatly appreciated by those present. Following a very enjoyable supper, the Council proceeded to the service. The sermon was preached by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach of First Church, Oakland, prayer was offered by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of San Francisco, the charge to the minister was made by Rev. Herman F. Swartz of Berkeley and to the people by the former pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton. Rev. Harold Davidson, Moderator of the Redwood Empire Association, extended the right hand of fellowship.

Each Sunday morning a brief children's sermon is given during the early part of the service of worship. A religious education dinner meeting is held once a month following which there is study of Sunday School standards and then an address on modern methods of religious education by the pastor.

OAKLAND. FIRST. Mr. Lawton Harris has been secured as Director of Religious Education and Young People's Work to succeed Rev. Ralph C. Waddell. Mr. Harris is a graduate of the College of the Pacific, where he specialized in religious education. For several years he has been in business, but has been remarkably successful in church organization and young people's work where his church membership has been held.

FAIRFAX. The mid-week Bible class has developed into a weekly group visitation committee, going to homes where invited. The gathering is informal. The pastor opens with a prayer and then someone asks a question or relates an experience and the meeting takes the form of conversation which the pastor, Rev. James W. Price, seeks to direct in the most helpful channels.

SALIDA. Men of the community cooked and served a community dinner on February 23rd. More than 200 people were present. The speaker was Dr. Tully C. Knoles of the College of the Pacific, Stockton. Children under 14 were served in a nearby hall and enjoyed an evening of games. Rev. A. T. Davies is the pastor.

LOOMIS. Steps are being taken to install a new heating plant. The roof of the church has been repaired. Attendance at Sunday School and public worship has greatly improved. The parsonage has been comfortably furnished. Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Loken have been welcomed heartily by the people.

ADIN. Sunday Schools at Nubieber and Providence are showing a splendid interest. Rev. Westwood Wallace is making preliminary plans for the young people's conference and hopes to have delegates from Fall River Mills and Bieber, in addition to those from his own parish and from Alturas and Likely.

SAN FRANCISCO. OCEAN VIEW. Through the Kernahan visitation several additions to the Sunday School and to the church service have come about. Mr. Stewart Locke is the pastor.

BERKELEY. FIRST. On account of the pressure of duties within the parish, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, the pastor, has discontinued his Tuesday noon theatre services. Through the two worst years of the depression he has carried his weekly messages of hope, comfort, cheer and right living to the large audiences which have greeted him week by week. The interest was maintained without diminishing, but the demands of the parish are such as to require full time and energy of the pastor. People from other churches and from no churches will regret the necessity of this step, but many will still find the inspiration of Dr. McCall through his regular church services and their broadcasting by radio.

SAN JOSE. Rev. Benjamin Gould is giving a series of pre-Easter sermons on the theme "Real Needs of Our Time." Among his subjects are such imperatives as these: "False Gods Must Go," "Broken Altars Must Be Repaired," "Larger Devotions Must Be Kept," "The Cross Must Be Borne." On Sunday evenings recent books are discussed such as "Testament of Youth" by Vera Brittain, "Mellon's Millions" by Harvey O'Connor, "Christianity and Coercion" by Bishop McConnell.

NILES. Mr. Wesley D. Gordon of Sonoma has been called as pastor of this church and will begin his duties on March 11th. Mr. Gordon has been Assistant Pastor and Director of Religious Education and Young People's Work in the Valley of the Moon Larger Parish for nearly three years. He expects to complete his education while serving the Niles church, attending first the San Jose State Teachers College and then the Pacific School of Religion.

ARLINGTON AVENUE FELLOWSHIP HOUSE. A seven-piece adult orchestra is now assisting with the Sunday School music. A new women's organization is being launched for the purpose of stimulating fellowship among the women of the community and furthering the work of the house. Mr. John H. Gregg is the director.

COTATI. January was a record month in church attendance, but February was even better. The Christian Endeavor Society, which presents a monthly motion picture evening, has arranged for a showing of "The King of Kings" on March 23rd. Mr. Milton Gabrielson is the pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Eight new members were added to the roll of the Christian Endeavor at Angel's Camp during February, which now has a total, active and associate, of nearly 40. Rev. John T. Munton frequently assists with religious service at the C. C. camp near Murphy.

SAN CARLOS. The Masons of the community honored the memory of George Washington by attending church the evening of February 18th and listening to the pastor, Rev. R. B. Cherington, on "The Master Builder." The church was filled to capacity.

LINCOLN. This church has been closed for many years. The building has been occupied by a Full Gospel church recently, and steps are now being taken to satisfy the claims of the Building Society and to transfer the property.

BERKELEY. NORTH. The annual meeting was full of spirit and hope. All financial obligations for the previous year have been met. The church Moderator declared that in the fifteen years of his membership the future of North Church never looked better. The monthly calendar will be mailed to all members and friends of the church. Each organization has been asked to plan at least one big event aside from its regular meetings. The first of a series of four all-church parties was held on Friday evening, March 2nd. Rev. Tom Watt of the Park Church recently read some of his "Ballads of Galilee" at an Asilomar service for young people. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is the pastor.

AUBURN. A Home Missions continuation conference was held on Wednesday, February 28th, with a number of the churches of this locality represented. It was felt by some that Auburn is an over-churched field and that no denomination is justified in putting missionary aid into the community. The Congregational Church has been self-supporting for many years, but like all other churches of the city, has a small constituency. The members are very loyal to their minister, Rev. R. N. England.

OAKLAND. CALVARY. The usual monthly luncheon served by the ladies was well attended. The pastor, Mr. Cyril Hicks, gave a stereopticon lecture on February 7th. The Young People of the church are publishing a church paper. The attendance of the church has increased about 60 per cent. since January 1st. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Leiter, charter members, were honored at a surprise birthday party on February 10th.

TRINITY COUNTY. A Campfire Girls Club has been organized at Weaverville. Young people are assisting the pastor, Rev. James D. Salmon, with music at C. C. camps. On account of bad roads services to some of the outlying communities have been omitted.

PACIFIC GROVE. Nearly fifty members of the Christian Endeavor Society were guests of the Women's Association at dinner as a start for the year's work. The Society takes charge of one Sunday evening service a month.

SAN LEANDRO. BROADMOOR. Seven Sunday School members attended the Southern Alameda County Training-for-Leadership School at Hayward. Rev. J. H. McCartney, the pastor, taught one course in the school.

SAN FRANCISCO. GRACE UNITED. Rev. James H. Price, assistant pastor, worked actively in the Kernahan survey. Twenty-one churches assumed the task of calling on 30,000 families in the Mission district.

ALTURAS. This church is sadly in need of copies of anthems for the choir. Churches that can spare a supply, however small, will be making a most helpful contribution by sending music to Mrs. Amy Jarman, the clerk.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. George E. Atkinson, the pastor, exchanged with the Rev. Mr. Ingram of the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Rosa on February 11th.

SAN FRANCISCO. FIRST. This church, under the vigorous leadership of Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, has thrown itself wholeheartedly into the Kernahan survey and membership campaign. About 1,500 cards giving Congregational interest or preference, were assigned to this church, and a splendid corps of workers is now engaged in enlisting members.

On a recent Sunday the pulpit was occupied by Rabbi Morris Goldstein. He spoke on "What It Means to Be a Jew."

Dr. Pierce's sermon on "Life's Best Years" which he preached February 4th, has been printed through the courtesy of the Dettner Printing House.

VALLEY OF THE MOON. Mr. Wesley D. Gordon, who has been Assistant Pastor and worker among the young people for the past three years, has tendered his resignation and it has been accepted. The whole question of the continuance of the Larger Parish has now come up for consideration. It is felt by all that there have been great values for the churches concerned during the past three years, but there are many who doubt the wisdom of continuing. The three churches will vote on Sunday, March 11th, as to whether the Council will go ahead and plan for the future of the Parish or whether the churches will proceed to secure ministers for their own local fields.

BERKELEY. PARK. Total attendance at all functions of the church for February amounted to 838. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, has recently published an attractive booklet of original poems about the life of Christ, entitled "Ballads of Galilee." His purpose is to present the Gospel story and truth in a form that may catch the attention of some who might not otherwise appreciate it.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, states that at his first annual meeting five years ago seven deaconesses reported a total of 298 calls during the year. In 1933 the deaconesses made 1,347 calls. The prize winner was Mother W. W. Whitman, who made a total of 460 calls.

OAKLAND. PILGRIM. Under the general theme "Where the Minister Stands," Rev. Horton Colbert is giving a series of Lenten sermons on the Bible, the Sacraments, the Person of Jesus, God, Immortality, Missions, and the Human Soul.

EUREKA. On a single Sunday forty-nine persons signed cards for the "Win One" Club. The members of this club purpose to do their utmost to bring at least one person into some department of the church before Easter. Rev. C. H. Hudson is the pastor.

Pastors will please mail news about their Easter services on Easter Sunday evening if at all possible. Easter comes on April 1st this year, and the editor will hold the Pacific copy until Monday, the 2nd, so as to have Easter news for the April issue.



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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins

The Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation is held the third Thursday of every month at 10:15 a.m. in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

New Faces

There was not a dull moment at the Executive Board Meeting in February. Nine new officers gave reports of Federation progress and a new enthusiasm pervaded the meeting.

Mrs. Frank J. Greene, our newly elected President, was in the chair, businesslike, alert, poised. Those taking part were unhurried, and the meeting began and ended promptly. Mrs. Greene's motto for the year has already begun to bear fruit: "To enlarge the place where we already stand, to lengthen the cords binding us to home and foreign interests, and to strengthen them." (Isaiah 54:2). Let us engrave these three words on our minds and hearts.

Mrs. Greene appointed Mrs. Noel Breed, Second Vice-President, to preside at the luncheon period, which relieved that hour of much confusion and assured those having announcements of prompt attention.

Mrs. Chester Marliave, with a map of California and red stars pasted on the districts where the Conference has workers, gave a vivid and interesting talk on our work at home.

Although Miss Helen Perkins is now enmeshed in finances, we are sure that under her magic touch and keen imagination figures will whirl and gyrate about and take on a new interest and meaning.

Mrs. John Burk, Social Relations Secretary, has already marshalled her facts, filled envelopes with program material for our women's organizations, and given out typed sheets full of practical suggestions which should result in increased activity along social lines for every church. She especially recommended educational films which may be secured from the University of California Extension Division, and urged contacts with science teachers in various High Schools for enlarged vision and closer co-operation in social problems.

Mrs. B. P. Martin, Printing Secretary, reported mailing questionnaires to seventy-two organizations in regard to the year book and that only five have not replied.

Mrs. F. D. Norton is ready to supply speakers, and her new address is 2005 Vine St., Apartment 3, Berkeley.

We welcomed Mrs. J. B. Orr as our new Recording Secretary. To Mrs. Harry L. Holcomb, who has served the Federation so faithfully and well, we extend our thanks and best wishes.

Mrs. H. A. Davenport, our new Auditor, led us in a very helpful devotional service. Miss Catherine Denman, Thank Offering Secretary, told of one small church which has already sent for thirty Thank Offering boxes. Last year the United Church of Canada raised one and a half million dollars through similar boxes.

Enthusiasm always talks when Mrs. E. V. Krick brings news from the foreign field. Breathlessly we followed her from country to country and many carried away not only new ideas of missionary activities, but letters and clippings used by Mrs. Krick as well.

READ YOUR PACIFIC

Many who heard Mrs. Ernest Evans report the mid-winter meeting in Chicago seemed to have a very vague idea about the Committee of Women's State Presidents and its *raison d'être*. We refer them to the September, 1933, Pacific, where the scope and plan for the unification of women's work was written up. The work was definitely launched at Chicago, 45 women from 22 states being present.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill also referred to the Pacific of February for the high lights of his talk. Every month the Pacific prints important facts about which each church should be cognizant. Do you read them or only skim them?

Have you a Pacific representative in your church to take subscriptions (only 25c a year) and interest the members in this small but worth while news sheet? If you have not, appoint one at once. "DO YOUR PART."—(N.R.A.)

MARCH MEETING

At the next meeting of the Board, March 15th, Miss Ruth Seabury, a secretary of the American Board, and Mrs. Amy B. Cowles who spent thirty-one years in Africa, will both speak to us.

To the list of Association Presidents which appeared in last month's Pacific should be added the name of Mrs. William E. Eckles for the Santa Clara Association.

AMERICA THRU WOMEN'S EYES

This is the title of one of the most interesting books about women that has been written for a long time. It is a Macmillan publication (1933) and edited by that well known writer, Mary R. Beard.

Beginning with the seventeenth century the author has selected the writings of well known women from these three centuries to depict the extraordinary progress of women. With caustic and vivid interpretive interpolations of her own, woman's place and part in our national history is clearly shown.

Commencing with the opening of the wilderness on the Atlantic coast and its attendant hardships, she passed westward to the even more hazardous pioneering days, where the women bore as heavy burdens as the men, and as valiantly and uncompainingly.

Through the machine and industrial age, through the Civil and later the World War, she traces with a careful and accurate hand the cruelties against both child and adult labor, the sufferings caused by a super-imposed war, but with a woman's never flagging part and interest in remedial acts and legislation. Throughout all these trying years and events women have sought, by argument, ridicule, essay and novel, to stir the slumbering conscience of the world to action.

This book—the first on the list recommended by Helen Murray—is fairly bulging with program suggestions for women's clubs and organizations, besides being informative and fascinating reading from the first to the very last page. Buy it, put it in your club library, then use it freely and with amplifications.

Program for Missionary Meeting

Recently Rev. George F. Kenngott, D.D., former superintendent of Southern California, was asked to prepare a missionary program for a local church. Believing that some of our churches will find it helpful, *The Pacific* is glad to print it and takes this occasion of thanking Dr. Kenngott.

Scripture readings—Matthew 28:16-20 and Matthew 25:31-46.

Jesus said that His mission was to establish on earth the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God. He used both of these terms often and interchangeably. They meant the same thing to Him. He sought to establish His Kingdom not by organizations or machinery, but by personal character and influence. He sent his disciples forth, two by two, to preach the Gospel, beginning at Jerusalem, then through Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth. The motive for their message appears in John 3:16-17.

16. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

The motive for His own life was Love and Good Will, as it should be ours. When He taught His disciples to pray: "Our Father who art in Heaven," He included all races and all peoples. He did not say "My Father" alone nor "Your Father" but "Our Father"—thus including not Jews alone nor even His disciples alone, but He included all. Today He would include Americans, Jews, Chinese, Japanese, Russians, and Germans.

According to the Westminster catechism as to: "What is the chief end of man?" we say "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." We seek to glorify God, but do we really enjoy Him? I suggest that the next time we say the Lord's Prayer and say "Our Father" let us greet Him with a smile as a little, innocent child would greet his father and mother in the morning,—not with a frown nor a grouch, but with pleasure. Jesus had much to say about the joy of the abundant life and the joy of service. Do we really enjoy God and His service? So much depends upon the way in which we do things. A smile is a language which all can understand, even if they cannot understand English.

A SMILE

"A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who gave. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad; and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give."—Selected.

If we cannot go to China, we can begin with our preaching of the Gospel at home. The first requisite for a radio announcer is that he should have a friendly voice and approach, especially if he announces wares to sell. Even if we have no wares to sell, we have a Lord to commend and a Gospel to preach. A warm hand-clasp and friendly smile will return to us in increasing joy for ourselves. It is the best cosmetic and the best enhancement for beauty. It takes out the wrinkles and frowns from the face and gives warmth to the heart.

You will recall that in James Russell Lowell's "The Vision of Sir Launfal" in which the knight goes forth from his castle in search of the "Holy Grail." By the side of his gate he sees a beggar asking for alms. He tosses the coin to him and rides forth to battle in the name of the Lord. After many days he returns, battle-scarred, famished and weary. He sees again by the gate the old beggar and now shares with him his crust of bread. The author says thus he finds the "Holy Grail," for, after all, charity not only lies in what we give, but what we share "for the gift without the giver is bare, and sharing thus the knight feeds three, the beggar, myself, and Thee." That is the mission of a smile and is our mission in life,—to share with others the Gospel of Love and Good Will, to share our substance and joy and our life.

Again Jesus said in His own beautiful prayer in John 17:19:

19. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

SOUNDER FINANCIALLY—

Up to January 1, 1933, one out of 6 banks were closed, one of 22 businesses were bankrupt, one out of 50 taxing units had defaulted in bonds, one dollar in 18 of municipal bonds was in default.

BUT ONLY one out of 2344 Churches had gone into bankruptcy.

(From article by A. C. Marts in "Christian Century")

More important still is the fact that the Church deals with eternal values

What an opportunity is offered to those who desire that their wealth shall be used all down through the years to carry forward the work which has been dear to them!

A bequest or a conditional gift to the Conference or a Mission Board is suggested.

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